BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF CENTRE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION 10 of 2021

APPOINTING A SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the County of Centre, Pennsylvania, is a recipient of federal funds from numerous sources, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and therefore required to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a federal law, codified at 29 U.S.C. § 794, that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in federally-assisted programs or activities.

WHEREAS, the County of Centre is statutorily required to develop administrative procedures and regulations in accordance with 24 CFR Part 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as effectuated on July 11, 1988, to implement Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

WHEREAS, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 establishes prohibitions against discrimination that apply to service availability, accessibility, delivery, employment, and the administrative activities and responsibilities of organizations receiving federal financial assistance; and whereas a recipient of federal financial assistance may not, on the basis of disability:

- 1. Deny qualified individuals the opportunity to participate in or benefit from federally funded programs, services, or other benefits.
- 2. Deny access to programs, services, benefits or opportunities to participate as a result of physical barriers.
- 3. Deny employment opportunities, including hiring, promotion, training, and fringe benefits, for which they are otherwise entitled or qualified.

WHEREAS, the County of Centre must designate a Section 504 Compliance Officer who will serve as the County's designated representative for any and all complaints regarding 24 CFR Part 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations and adopt grievance procedures.

WHEREAS, the County of Centre has begun public outreach and consultation with interested parties to solicit input and feedback regarding the County's compliance with administrative rules and regulations related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Centre as follows:

- Centre County Chief Risk Officer Krista Davis is hereby designated as the County's Section 504 Compliance Officer, to which any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs and services may file a complaint.
- 2. The County has adopted a grievance procedure for any and all complaints regarding accessibility to all County owned facilities and programs.

ADOPTED this 27th day of July 2021.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chair

Mark Higgins, Commissioner

Steven G. Dershem, Commissioner

ATTEST:

John Franck, dr. Deputy Administrator